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PATENT

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Application No.: 10/026,301

Group No.: \_\_\_\_\_

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For: METHOD OF IMPROVING YIELD AND VIGOR OF PLANTS

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a))

1. This is a petition for an extension of the time for a total period of two months to respond to a Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application dated January 30, 2002.
2. A response in connection with the matter for which this extension is requested is filed herewith.
3. Applicant is other than a small entity.

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4. Calculation of extension fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(5)):

Extension:  
two months

Fee for other than small entity:  
\$400.00

**Fee \$400.00**

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

Extension fee due with this request \$400.00

5. Extended period for response

Based on the extension requested in this petition (and that for which a previous petition has been filed, if any), the extended period for response will expire on May 30, 2002.

6. Fee Payment

Payment of \$400.00 is included in the attached check in the amount of \$770.00.

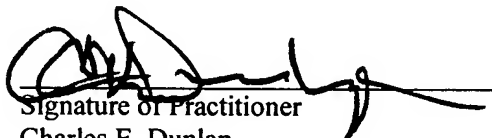
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